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January 5, 2021

Ben Steffen, Executive Director
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Avenue
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Dear Mr. Steffen,

As you are aware, on March 5, 2020, Governor Hogan issued a proclamation that a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency exists in Maryland, due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Based on the increased need for acute general hospital beds due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office of Health Care Quality is requesting that the Maryland Health Care Commission apply its authority under COMAR 10.24.01.20 to grant an emergency certificate of need to Green Spring Station Surgery Center to activate and operate an additional operating room.

Green Spring Surgery Center has a certificate of need and license to operate five operating rooms. It has unused shell space for a sixth operating room. The facility is requesting to activate and equip a sixth operating room to divert qualifying surgical cases from The Johns Hopkins Hospital to Green Spring Station Surgery Center during the pandemic. The new operating room will be equipped and operational as of January 11, 2021.

The Office of Health Care Quality recommends this certificate of need should be approved on an emergency basis, for the expansion to six operating rooms at Green Spring Station Surgery Center hospital.

Please contact me if you have any questions at (410)402-8116 or (443)681-0278.

Sincerely,

Renee B. Webster

Renee B. Webster, Deputy Director, Federal Programs

Cc: Leon Carlton, OHCQ

